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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may know, we have been directed by the Prime Minister to enter a national lockdown and to move learning to remote learning at home immediately. This is due to the rising cases of Covid-19 and to reduce transmission.

As a result of this direction, school will be closed to ALL children on Tuesday 5th January and open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children only from Wednesday 6th January. If you are a critical worker and need emergency childcare for tomorrow, please ring school from 8am. I'm sincerely sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We will be using the 5th to organise classes and staff in line with the revised guidelines, make arrangements for children of critical workers, deliver printed packs to children with special educational needs and to ensure devices are issued to all who need them. I can't express enough how upset all the school staff are at this situation.

If you are a critical worker and you do not have someone in the household to supervise your child, you may send your child to school from 8.40am on Wednesday 6th January. Existing bubble doors will be in use. A list of critical workers is found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you intend to send your child to school, please would you send a brief email (**if not already done so**) to enquiries@brockwell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk. This is so we can form a register for safeguarding purposes. Please put your name, role and your child's name and class on the email. Those children considered vulnerable according to government criteria will be contacted individually.

Remote learning will begin on Wednesday 6th January.

Equipment

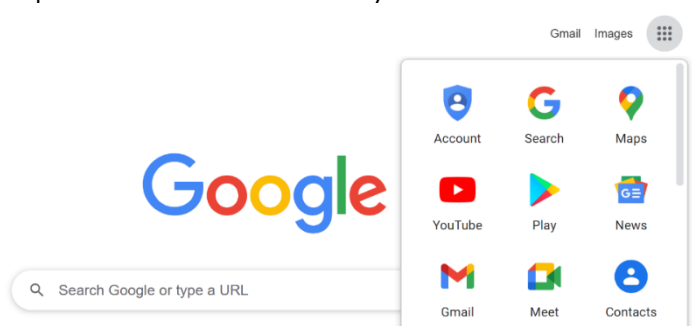
Please ensure your child has the following:

- Home workbooks previously sent home in a purple file.
- Pencil /pen, rubber, ruler and colours if possible (please ask us if you do not have any)
- Device with SEESAW and GOOGLE MEET (We use Chrome for GoogleMeet)

The live session has the best impact if delivered in the morning. This session with the staff on GoogleMeet is used to share the day's tasks and set out the expectations.

Each year group's GoogleMeet will take place at 9.30am. To ensure every Brockwell pupil has their own device, we invite you to come and collect a school ipad during Tuesday 5th January if this ensures that your child / siblings can have a device each for the period of home learning. Please don't hesitate to get in touch so every child is ready for their online meeting. We will keep the times under daily review.

We'd like all children to attend the meeting - a code for each meeting will be issued on Seesaw each morning which you use to access the meeting. However, if your child was unable to attend, please don't worry. The work will all be set on SEESAW.



To access the activities, children must be logged into the SEESAW CLASS APP (not FAMILY APP). If you do not have this Seesaw access code, please get in touch and we will text or email the information (enquiries@brockwell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01246 278542).

Children can complete their work in their workbooks before photographing it to submit on their Seesaw. Staff will be able to support and give feedback through Seesaw. Staff are asked not to send messages or give feedback after 5.15pm to avoid unnecessary intrusion into homes.

Please refer to the home learning guide previously sent home and on our website. The times for the GoogleMeets have changed but the information such as online safety and safeguarding practices can be found in this document. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and positioned in a quiet learning space. You may find headphones are an added bonus if you have more than one meeting in your home. I will forward a timetable you may find helpful and those in the guide can be printed or adapted.

Children of critical workers will be following the same learning and may access the GoogleMeet from their device in school. If you do not consent to your child accessing the meet from within school, please let your child's teacher know through Seesaw. Please send their purple file with workbooks to school with them.

I can only apologise for the short notice that this gives you. I have no advance notice and have this letter drafted although I hoped to not need it. I know the staff will do their very best to make this as positive an experience as possible with learning tasks that will ensure they can continue to cover core learning as we would plan to be teaching for the year group.

I appreciate this will not necessarily be easy and you will have numerous responsibilities to juggle. We know you will do your best and we will be here to support you every day. I will be in touch with more updates in due course.

Yours sincerely, Catherine Holmes